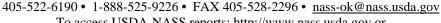
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Rainfall Brings Temporary Sigh of Relief

Soybeans

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Oklahoma gladly welcomed the rainfall received last week. The rains were often very spotty so some areas of the State benefited from the rains while other areas got little to no rainfall. Four districts received nearly an inch of rain while the West Central and Panhandle districts averaged over an inch and a half of rain last week. Even though producers were relieved to see the rainfall, temperatures continued to soar into the triple digits across the State last week which was still a cause for concern. Additional rain and cooler temperatures are needed to try to offset the impact of the drought. Topsoil moisture conditions showed improvement from last weeks rains while subsoil moisture conditions remained steady. Some of the weekly reports arrived before weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the tables below. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	63	25	12	0
Last Week	71	23	6	0
Last Year	8	27	56	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short	Surplus					
This Week	79	20	1	0			
Last Week	79	19	2	0			
Last Year	16	36	44	4			

Small Grains: With the expectation of rain in the forecast last week, many producers were working on seedbed preparations and wheat and oats jumped 17 and 13 points, respectively from last week. After the rain, wheat producers in some areas of the State were now waiting for the fields to dry up to begin planting the 2007 wheat crop.

Row Crops: Conditions for sorghum and soybeans improved slightly from the rainfall received last week. Cotton conditions dropped slightly and remained mostly in the poor to very poor range. Peanut conditions also declined from last week but were mostly in the good to fair range. Corn conditions were in mostly excellent to good condition. Most of the corn in the State has reached the dough stage while just over a fourth of the crop was harvested by week's end. Sorghum and soybeans were maturing slightly ahead of normal and had reached 14 and 12 percent, respectively. Peanut pod set was virtually complete. Cotton boll set increased 12 points from last week and 12 percent of the bolls were beginning to open.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT	Г
Week Ending August 20, 2006	

Week Ending August 20, 2000							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Corn	11	18	22	11	38		
Peanuts	0	14	50	36	0		
Cotton	30	30	26	14	0		
Sorghum	10	22	32	25	11		

Hay: Alfalfa hay conditions improved slightly from last week while 82 percent of the other hay was in mostly poor to very poor condition. Hay supplies continued to be low. The third cutting of alfalfa made limited progress while 45 percent of the alfalfa hay had reached its fourth cutting. The second cutting of other hay jumped 27 points last week but was still behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending August 20, 2006

Week Ending August 20, 2000							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Alfalfa	34	31	26	6	3		
Other Hay	56	26	15	3	0		

Miscellaneous Commodities: Watermelon harvest was winding down at 93 percent.

Pasture and Range: Even with some rain last week, the above normal temperatures offset much of the benefit to pastures across the State. Pasture and range conditions remained in critical condition. Ponds continued to be dry which forced some producers to have to haul water to their livestock.

Livestock: Livestock conditions dropped slightly from last week remaining in mostly poor to very poor condition. Livestock marketings were high with light insect activity. Livestock producers continued to search for hay as hay supplies continued to be scarce. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$118.00 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$110.85 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 20, 2000							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Livestock	36	32	19	10	3		
Pasture & Range	48	37	13	2	0		

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending August 20, 2006 This 5 - Yr This 5 - Yr Last Last Last Last Item Item Week Week Year Week Week Year Avg. Avg. Wheat -Peanuts -96 96 91 97 97 91 Plowed Setting Pods 89 92 Seedbed Prepared 40 23 31 37 Mature 10 8 11 10 Rye -Cotton -Seedbed Prepared 42 38 36 51 Setting Bolls 91 79 92 90 Oats -**Bolls Opening** 12 6 NA 6 Seedbed Prepared 40 27 30 30 Alfalfa -3rd Cutting 91 90 97 Corn -100 Dough 98 92 94 86 4th Cutting 45 31 70 51 Other Hay -Mature 45 44 38 40 2nd Cutting Harvested 27 20 9 10 48 21 57 64 Sorghum -Watermelon -73 69 56 69 93 91 80 93 Headed Harvested 27 37 Colored 33 34 12 Mature 14 7 10 Soybeans -86 85 85 84 **Blooming** Setting Pods 63 61 71 70

Weather for Week Ending August 20, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 63 degrees at Kenton on Sunday, August 20th, to 107 degrees at Antlers and Claremore on Friday, August 18th. Precipitation averaged 0.18 inches in the Southeast district to 1.53 inches in the West Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 73 degrees at Kenton on Tuesday, August 15th, to 97 degrees at Burneyville on Saturday, August 19th and at Idabel on Sunday, August 20th.

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Week Ending August 20, 2006

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	Temperature			Precipitation				
Districts	High		Average	This Week	March 1, 2006 to August 20, 2006			
Districts		Low			Total	Departure from	Percent of	
						Normal	Normal	
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	
Panhandle	85	66	74	1.51	10.58	-3.34	76	
West Central	93	70	80	1.53	13.39	-4.26	76	
Southwest	98	73	84	0.94	10.77	-7.20	60	
North Central	93	71	81	0.92	13.14	-6.11	68	
Central	99	73	85	0.88	14.79	-6.45	70	
South Central	103	75	88	0.23	13.74	-7.99	63	
Northeast	98	73	85	0.41	18.40	-4.58	80	
East Central	101	74	86	0.88	18.50	-5.51	77	
Southeast	103	74	87	0.18	20.10	-5.26	79	

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